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REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL SUB-ITEM IN THE AGENDA OF THE FIFTIETH SESSION

Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of a member of the International Court of Justice

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Deputy Registrar of the International Court of Justice, by a letter dated 24 October 1995, informed the Secretary-General of the death of Judge Andrés Aguilar Mawdsley (Venezuela) on 24 October 1995 and of the occurrence of a vacancy in the Court as a result of the death of Judge Aguilar Mawdsley.

2. Judge Aguilar Mawdsley was elected as a member of the Court as from 6 February 1991. His present term of office would have expired on 5 February 2000. In accordance with the terms of the Statute of the International Court of Justice, the General Assembly and the Security Council will therefore have to elect a member of the Court to serve for the remainder of the term of Judge Aguilar Mawdsley, that is, until 5 February 2000.

3. By a note dated 1 November 1995 (S/1995/914), the Security Council was informed of the occurrence of this vacancy in the Court.

4. Pursuant to article 14 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice, the Security Council, at its 3590th meeting, on 7 November 1995, adopted resolution 1018 (1995). In that resolution, the Council decided that the election to fill the vacancy on the International Court of Justice that had occurred as a result of the death of Judge Aguilar Mawdsley would take place on 28 February 1996 at a meeting of the Security Council and at a meeting of the General Assembly at its fiftieth session.

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5. In those circumstances, it is proposed that the General Assembly include in the agenda of its fiftieth session an additional sub-item of item 15 (Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs) reading as follows:

"(c) Election of a member of the International Court of Justice."